

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: JENNIFER L. JONES, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-083823

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on February 15, 2012, in Henrico County, Virginia. Jennifer L. Jones, L.P.N., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On May 16, 2012, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Jones was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jennifer L. Jones, L.P.N., was issued License No. 0002-083823 to practice practical nursing in Virginia on November 24, 2010. The license is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2012. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated January 27, 2012, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Jones notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 15, 2012. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1114 Hazel Avenue, Chesapeake, Virginia 23325, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice was also sent to 1120 Hazel Avenue, Chesapeake, Virginia 23325, a secondary address. The certified mail to both addresses

was delivered on January 31, 2012. The first class mail was not returned to the Board office for either address. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Jones and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

3. During the course of her employment at the Western Tidewater Regional Jail, Suffolk, Virginia, in June, 2011, Ms. Jones diverted Ativan tablets belonging to Individual A, for her personal and unauthorized use. Further, by her own admission, Ms. Jones diverted Septra DS from the pharmacy stock for her personal and unauthorized use. Ms. Jones' employment was terminated on June 4, 2011, for misappropriation of property.

4. On January 12, 2012, in the Circuit Court of Suffolk, Virginia, Ms. Jones pled guilty to obtaining a prescription by fraud and possession of a Schedule III or IV drug, both felonies. Sentencing is scheduled for April 19, 2012.

5. Currently, Ms. Jones is employed at the Virginia Beach jail.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. License No. 0002-083823 of Jennifer L. Jones, L.P.N., is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Jones shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of practical nursing. Ms. Jones shall be responsible for any fees that may be

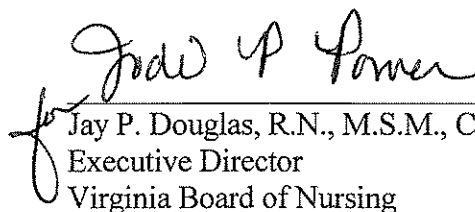
required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Since Ms. Jones failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Jones has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Jones has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Maryland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD



Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: May 29, 2012